

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
October 10, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida met in a regular session in the Greenwood Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on the 10th day of October, 2017. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Mayor Phyllis Bowman called the meeting to order.

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Bowman asked all present for a moment of silence in honor of our first responders.

The following answered present to roll call:

Mayor, Phyllis Bowman	Council Member, Mamie Vann
Alicia Corder, Town Clerk	Council Member, Thomas Andreasen
Lisabeth Beutler, Deputy Clerk	Council Member, Bryan Johnson
George Little, Attorney	

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Dawn Bradley, Gene Wright, James Bradley III, Holly Ness, Diane Blakely, Katie Jo Spencer, Joni Laramore, Matt Matthews, Lillian Blighton, Twanna Basford Dunaway, Pat Toloday, Bobby Lee, Brook Bowman, Albert Lane, Freddy Harvey, Wesley Mickel, Fredrick Roulhac, Joanne Hayes, Charles Sanders, Jeff Miller, Rosalind DiMichele, Suzanne Nesmith, Ruth Craven, Richard Bass, Harry Vann, Sheila Mader, Joanne Register, Queen Baker, Sam Murphy, Chris Andreasen, Deborah Hynes, Ann Bryan, James Sawyer, James Bradley Jr.

A motion to approve the minutes and financials for September, 2017 with corrections was made by Mamie Vann. Second by Bryan Johnson. Vote called. Vann – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Passed.

Next on the agenda was Gene Wright, Mayor of Malone, FL. Mayor Wright came to speak to Council and guests at the request of Mayor Phyllis Bowman on future opportunities for NE Jackson County and the cities surrounding Malone. He spoke about the sewer system project that he is in the process of obtaining with the help of Bobby Lee of CDG Engineering. Mayor Wright assured the Council that he was not here to convince the Council to have Greenwood hook into Malone's system, only to let them know if in the future they would like to it was there for the town. Mayor Wright stated that "We small towns look out for each other." Mayor Wright answered questions from the audience. Mayor Bowman and Council thanked him for coming.

Up next on the agenda was Bobby Lee of CDG Engineering. Mr. Lee came before Council to ascertain if they would like him to apply for a Feasibility Study Grant to determine the feasibility of a sewer system in the Town of Greenwood. This is an engineering study to see if a sewer system is viable for the Town. He advised that it would be no cost to Greenwood. Charles Sanders commented that a feasibility study was done for the Town in 2005 along with the Town of Malone and at that time the cost of a sewer treatment plant was \$8,000,000.00 and the average cost increase to the residents of Greenwood would have been approximately \$48.00 per month. He stated that at that time the Council voted against it. No vote was taken on this Feasibility Study Grant and Mr. Lee was thanked for coming.

Next on the agenda was Deborah Hynes, Jackson County Public Library. Ms. Hynes spoke to Council and guests about the new Jackson County Library, Greenwood Annex. She introduced Ann Bryan, our new librarian. Ms. Hynes let everyone know the resources available to the public with this new annex. There will be 3 laptops for the public to use as well as all the online training and resources that the main branch offers. This library will be open 4 days a week. This library annex is backed by the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners and if this one is successful then others will follow. Ms. Bryan asked that people come in and support the Greenwood Branch to keep it open. Mayor Bowman was thanked by all for contacting the library and initiating the entire idea of the annex and setting this process in motion.

Resolution 2017-08 Home Rule Support, was the next agenda item. A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-08 was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Mamie Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Passed

Attorney Little gave updates on legals. Attorney Little spoke to Council on the pending Recall Petition of Mayor Phyllis Bowman and that he has not had the time to put together any information for the Council. Mr. Little stated that all discussion regarding the recall petition and any direction from the council must be discussed in a public forum to comply with Florida Sunshine Law. He is asking for direction as to how the Council wants him to proceed. The Council had several questions on this procedure and the options available. Councilman Bryan Johnson asked if Mr. Little could research and provide material on cases that other municipalities have done in these cases. Mr. Little stated that this does not happen very often and will research and answer any questions that the Council has individually. This matter is very time sensitive and could require a special meeting in the future. Mayor Bowman inquired if there were any questions from guests. Several people spoke on her behalf. After further discussion the Mayor advised that if anyone wanted a copy of the petition, they may obtain one at Town Hall.

Alicia Corder gave the clerk notes. Mrs. Corder reminded the public that the Town's 2nd Annual Harvest Day Festival will be taking place on Saturday October 14, 2017 from the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Mamie Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on November 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisabeth Beutler
Deputy Clerk

Approved 14 day of Nov, 2017

Mamie M Vann

Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson